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In re application of

Ushio IWAMOTO et al. Confirmation No. 9686

Serial No. 09/700,031 GROUP 1723

Filed November 9, 2000 Examiner Sun U. Kim

FILTER DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
PROCESSING BLOOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 1, 2003

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 1, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended one (1) month, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.